

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:141
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2007
RABI AND KHARIF DUES
Kripalani Shri Srichand

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the payments due to the States, particularly to the State of Rajasthan, for procurement of Kharif Crops for the year 2005 and Rabi Crop for 2005-06 are still pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay in making payments by the Government; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 141 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.11.2007 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a), (b) & (c): For procurement of foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarsegrains) by the State Governments/Agencies for the Central Pool, the payment to the States is made by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) on delivery of the foodgrains on the basis of the claims of the State Governments at the rates of procurement incidentals fixed by the Government. Final procurement incidentals are based on audited accounts submitted by the States.

Only one proposal from Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2005-06 for coarsegrains is pending with the Govt. No other proposal for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2005-06 and KMS 2005-06 has been received by the Govt.

However, FCI has informed that an amount of Rs. 8 crore in 2001 was paid to Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation (RSWC), an agency of State Govt. of Rajasthan, as on account payment against incidental charges for the previous years. Since RSWC failed to submit the claims against this amount, FCI adjusted the amount of Rs. 8 crore alongwith interest of Rs. 64 lakh from the incidentals of 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2005-06. RSWC has claimed an amount of Rs. 69.95 lakh from FCI for RMS 2005-06 and has filed a Writ Petition No. 4147/05 in Rajasthan High Court. The matter is now subjudice in Rajasthan High Court.